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NOTIFICATION

The 24th November, 2023

No.7358/L.A.— The following Bill, which has been introduced in the Odisha Legislative Assembly on the 24th November, 2023 is here with published under rule-68 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Odisha Legislative Assembly for general information

**THE ODISHA ADVOCATES' WELFARE FUND
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023
(By Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, MLA)**
**A
BILL
FURTHER TO AMEND THE ODISHA ADVOCATES'
WELFARE ACT, 1987**

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Odisha in the Seventy- fourth year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title, extent
and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Odisha Advocates' Welfare Fund (Amendment) Act, 2023

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of Odisha.

(3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification appoint on that behalf.

Insertion of a
new Sections
16-A and 16-B

2. After Section 16, the Sections 16-A and 16-B with marginal headings shall be inserted as follows, namely:-

“Payment of
Pension and
family Pension”

16-A A Member of the Odisha State Bar Council shall, after the age of sixty years, shall be entitled to get monthly amount as pension, as determined by the Council from time to time:

Provided that after death of such member his family members or spouse, shall get as family pension of an amount, as determined by the Council:

Provided further that, if the member dies before the age of sixty years, his family members shall be allowed to get family pension as determined by Council.

Payment of
Consolidated
amount to newly
Advocates to
encourage

16-B. New members as an advocate after joining in the Odisha State Bar Council, shall be entitled to receive monthly consolidated amount for 5 years from the month of joining as determined by the Odisha State Bar Council from time to time to encourage them:

Provided that, such member shall produce their progress report in each year on the date as fixed by the council.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Odisha Advocates Welfare Fund Act, 1987 is intended for the payment of one-time amount after demise of an Advocate. After the age of sixty years, the financial conditions of Advocate become weak as they cannot do practice properly due to old age. So, pension is necessary to get financial benefit till death.

The most of the Advocates who have registered under O.S.B.C generally comes from financial poor families, so they face financial problems during their profession. Thereby some newly Advocates quit their profession at early stage. As a result, the Advocacy Profession becomes hardship for poor. So, if, they will get a fixed consolidated amount from the Odisha Advocate Welfare Fund, then their hardship period from the joining up to at least 5 years become easier.

Hence this Bill achieves above objects.

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